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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on May 1, 2013. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2012.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.75 million, 15 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.68 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 270 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 455 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 650 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.86 million, 2 percent above 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 69.0 thousand during April, 12 percent below 2012.

CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 490 thousand head on May 1, 2013, 2 percent above last month, and 3 percent above May 2012. During April, placements of 65.0 thousand head were 44 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head were 10 percent below April 2012. Other disappearance totaled 3.0 thousand head.

NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES: 2012 & 2013

State	Number On Feed April 1 1/			Placed During April		Marketed During April	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	278	278	100	26	26	27	28
California	490	480	98	45	65	58	52
Colorado	1,070	980	92	120	140	150	150
Idaho	225	215	96	28	33	36	36
Iowa	670	630	94	55	89	72	97
Kansas	2,170	2,090	96	300	350	380	365
Nebraska	2,530	2,420	96	370	450	420	470
Oklahoma	320	305	95	47	51	70	60
South Dakota	255	230	90	32	28	40	32
Texas	2,780	2,590	93	410	435	465	470
Washington	233	233	100	28	26	34	35
Other States	461	458	99	60	57	63	60
UNITED STATES	11,482	10,909	95	1,521	1,750	1,815	1,855

State	Other Disappearance During April 2/		Number On Feed May 1 1/		2013
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
	1,000 Head		1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	1	1	276	275	100
California	2	3	475	490	103
Colorado	10	10	1,030	960	93
Idaho	2	2	215	210	98
Iowa	3	2	650	620	95
Kansas	10	15	2,080	2,060	99
Nebraska	20	10	2,460	2,390	97
Oklahoma	2	1	295	295	100
South Dakota	2	1	245	225	92
Texas	15	15	2,710	2,540	94
Washington	3	4	224	220	98
Other States	8	5	450	450	100
UNITED STATES	78	69	11,110	10,735	97

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	CALIFORNIA			UNITED STATES		
		April 2012	March 2013	April 15, 2013	April 2012	March 2013	April 15, 2013
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	230.00	201.00	199.00	192.00	196.00	200.00
Alfalfa, Baled 2/ 3/	Ton	235.00	205.00	205.00	210.00	219.00	215.00
Hogs 2/ 4/	Cwt.	---	---	---	62.80	59.20	61.10
Cows 2/ 5/	Cwt.	---	---	---	85.50	82.90	81.70
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	128.00	128.00	128.00
Calves 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	178.00	160.00	158.00
Milk Cows 6/	Head	1,300.00	---	---	1,440.00	---	---
All Milk, Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	14.91	17.51	18.40	16.80	19.10	19.30

- 1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.
- 2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.
- 3/ California's May 2013 prices are for the full month.
- 4/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.
- 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
- 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS, PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES 1/

Commodity	Unit	PACIFIC REGION 2/		UNITED STATES	
		March 2012	March 2013	March 2012	March 2013
		Dollars			
Alfalfa Meal	Cwt.	30.90	34.10	26.60	31.20
Bran	Cwt.	28.80	32.60	26.40	29.70
Corn Meal	Cwt.	23.90	24.90	20.40	22.30
Cottonseed Meal, 41%	Cwt.	35.80	38.10	27.80	31.40
Dairy Feed, 16%	Ton	370.00	564.00	442.00	481.00
Soybean Meal, 44%	Cwt.	38.40	40.50	26.50	32.50

- 1/ Prices shown represent composite average prices paid by farmers for all grades, classes, and method of sale.
- 2/ Includes California, Oregon, and Washington.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

Stocks of hay on California farms as of May 1, 2013 totaled 320 thousand tons. This is 17 percent of the December 1 stocks and was 33 percent above May 1, 2012.

United States May 1 stocks of hay on farms totaled 14.2 million tons of hay. This was 18 percent of the December 1 stocks, and was 34 percent below the previous year.

HAY STOCKS ON FARMS

State	December 1			May 1		
	2010	2011	2012	2011	2012	2013
	1,000 Tons					
California	1,850	1,640	1,900	160	240	320
Arizona	365	250	240	40	35	35
Nevada	819	830	650	46	238	140
Oregon	2,100	2,200	1,700	280	275	230
Utah	1,050	1,420	900	144	350	230
UNITED STATES	102,134	90,726	76,547	22,217	21,381	14,156

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during April 2013 totaled 144.4 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent higher than the previous month, and 1 percent higher than April 2012. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In April 2013, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,304 pounds, calves 105 pounds, sheep & lambs 142 pounds, and hogs 243 pounds.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in April, up 6 percent from the 3.86 billion pounds produced in April 2012.

Beef production, at 2.13 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up 6 percent from April 2012. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,295 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.1 million pounds, 8 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58.6 thousand head,

up 4 percent from April 2012. The average live weight was down 29 pounds from last year, at 266 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.94 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.36 million head, up 6 percent from April 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 4 percent from April 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 192 thousand head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 2 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April 2013 commercial red meat production was 16.1 billion pounds, up slightly from 2012. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

April 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

April 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, APRIL 2011-12 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	144.4	145.3	186,668	188,262	1,301	1,304
U.S. Total	2,569.5	2,729.5	3,285,778	3,528,441	1,281	1,295
CALVES						
California	12.7	15.4	1,465	1,615	116	105
U.S. Total	56.5	58.6	16,566	15,516	295	266
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	21.2	27.4	2,989	3,886	142	142
U.S. Total	180.9	191.7	25,740	26,891	142	140
HOGS						
California	200.0	193.4	47,835	47,004	239	243
U.S. Total	8,827.1	9,361.5	2,457,434	2,592,981	278	277
RED MEAT	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	Apr 13 May 12	Apr 13 Mar 13	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	143.3	139.1	144.4	101	104	
U.S. Total	3,855.2	3,994.3	4,091.4	106	102	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.63 billion pounds of milk in April 2013. This was 1 percent below March 2013, and very slightly below April 2012.

MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES

Month	CALIFORNIA 1/						Total Milk		UNITED STATES 1/ 2/					
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,782	1,780	2,030	1,945	3,617	3,462	3,616	3,461	8,502	8,498	1,860	1,872	15,810	15,907
Feb.	1,784	1,782	1,965	1,810	3,506	3,225	3,504	3,225	8,513	8,500	1,780	1,722	15,153	14,653
Mar.	1,785	6/	2,130	6/	3,804	3,671	3,803	3,670	8,525	6/	1,931	6/	16,462	16,440
Apr.	1,785	6/	2,035	6/	3,632	3,626	3,630		8,529	6/	1,880	6/	16,031	16,079
May	1,782		2,100		3,742		3,740		8,525		1,922		16,384	
June	1,784		1,975		3,523		3,521		8,509		1,827		15,544	
July	1,785		1,960		3,499		3,494		8,494		1,824		15,495	
Aug.	1,782		1,855		3,306		3,301		8,492		1,804		15,322	
Sept.	1,779		1,790		3,184		3,180		8,473		1,729		14,653	
Oct.	1,778		1,860		3,307		3,303		8,467		1,792		15,172	
Nov.	1,780		1,835		3,266		3,260		8,478		1,761		14,929	
Dec.	1,780		1,920		3,418		3,414		8,494		1,847		15,688	

1/ Revised 2012 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

6/ Due to federal sequestration, data collection on the number of cows and milk per cow has been suspended. Milk production totals are based on administrative data.

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